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Professors discuss Ginsburg's legacy

By Corryn Brock and Elizabeth Taylor
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Eastern political science professors discussed the life, career and death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg after she died of complications of her metastatic cancer of the pancreas Friday afternoon.

Ginsburg became a Supreme Court justice in 1993 after being nominated by President Bill Clinton.

At the time she was only the second woman to be named a judge in the United States' highest court.

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) said in a statement that the nation lost a hero with the death of Ginsburg.

"Tonight we are devastated, but tomorrow we will roll up our sleeves and keep working," Duckworth said. "We must honor her legacy by redoubling our efforts to safeguard the rights of women, the rights of Americans with disabilities and the rights of all Americans for future generations."

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Studying under the clock tower



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Michael Bui, a sophomore psychology major, sits under the clock tower outside Booth Library Sunday afternoon. Bui said he was reading material for one of his classes.

Community still dealing with Mattoon High School shooting 3 years later

By Helena Edwards
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Three years ago on Sept. 20, 2017 a freshman of Mattoon High School opened fire in the school's cafeteria, leaving one injured and many others traumatized, and on Sept. 20 of this month those affected discuss it in memorial.

Bianca Beltran, freshman music major at Eastern, was a sophomore at Mattoon High School at the time of the event.

She describes efforts the high school and community took after the event to help students ranging from music playing during passing periods, in town store discounts to students, and dedicating Sept. 20 as a service day.

"A counseling service specialized for this would be really good," Beltran said. "Right now I don't feel like I can open up to anyone about it because it's such a unique circumstance and not a lot of people will understand what it's like to feel like your life is in danger until it is."

She also spoke out on the hashtag that was started up, #GreenWaveStrong, deriving from the school's original motto, "Hail Greenwave."

Many students didn't particularly like this response as it was a constant reminder of the shooting.

"Everyone says that but we should always remember and never forget. That's true and it's important to never forget what happened and to learn from it, but we do not need it looking over us every single day of our lives as we try to

"But regardless of what we went through, this isn't something that we should be defined by. We are survivors, not victims."

-Bianca Beltran

move on from it," Beltran said.

Jolie Osborn, a sophomore graphic design major, was not at school during the event but lived nearby.

While she was going home early that day, she heard the event over police scanners and said she witnessed people from the high school running out into a neighborhood away from the school.

She also said that social media played a role in helping make sure her friends were safe as some posted Snapchat stories about the situation in the immediate aftermath.

Online efforts to handle this situation include the Facebook group "Justice for MHS."

Earlier this year in August after the community found out that the perpetrator was to be released on good behavior, Jen Landreth started a Facebook group to create a safe space for those who wanted to share their thoughts and discuss possible events.

They attempted to organize some marches but were unsuccessful due to COVID-19 and related expenses.

One recent event was held on the anniversary of the shooting: an online Messenger Rooms meeting to discuss as a community "what further action can be taken in the situation at hand."

According to the responses on the group event, 28 people attended.

The rise of school shootings over the years has left many students and faculty members across the country with traumatic memories.

Even those that have not gone to schools with shooting incidents have concerns that it may happen to them as well, pushing schools to add more preventive measures.

"This event has made everyone's lives change and has made us into different people than who we thought we would probably be before this all happened," Beltran said. "But regardless of what we went through, this isn't something that we should be defined by. We were survivors, not victims."

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Boyd Bash Scholarship Concert held Friday night

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The EIU Wind Symphony and Concert Band soundtracked a crisp autumn evening in the Library Quad on Friday at the Boyd Band Bash Scholarship Concert.

The music of George Gershwin and Aaron Copland, among others, was not only played for a small, socially distanced crowd at 6 p.m., but also livestreamed on the Doudna Fine Arts Center's YouTube channel.

The livestream had at least 100 viewers throughout the evening, but the dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Dr. Barbara Bonnekessen, said that the performers wished they had a bigger live audience to play in front of.

"Streaming is good for us, but I think for the players, for the artists, they really want an audience," Bonnekessen said.

Dennis Malak, director of operations at Doudna, was pleased with the production of the concert.

"I thought it went well. We got out here at 8:00 this morning, started setting up

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Newman Catholic Center holds mass in Spanish

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On Saturday, the Newman Catholic Center held mass in Spanish, one of the events the Eastern community had to celebrate Latino Heritage Month.

Mass had an excellent turnout, with dozens of community members coming together.

The congregation said prayers, sang hymns, and had communion.

Once mass ended, many members of the congregation stayed to enjoy refreshments and one another's company.

Many attendees have been part of the community for a long time, attending mass regularly.

This particular mass being given in Spanish provided Latinx community members the opportunity to hear mass in a way that brings them closer to God as well as their heritage.

Kenia Gonzalez, a Charleston resident and Eastern's admissions counselor and Latinx coordinator, has been coming to mass ever since she moved here but really enjoyed hearing mass in Spanish.

Gonzalez is also part of the Latino Heritage Month committee so having events like this one mattered to her.

"I think it's a special time to get together with the community and listen to mass in Spanish as it's part of my heritage," Gonzalez said. "I liked the focus on Latino heritage month and that we brought that into the petitions at the end by praying for all of the Latin American countries. That was really nice."

Yita Fuentes, a Charleston resident, attended mass in Spanish because it brings the Latino community in Charleston together to listen to mass in their language.

"I love being here with my Latino friends and enjoying conversations with everybody," Fuentes said.

Antonino Alva, a Charleston resident, has been living in Charleston for 19 years and coming to the monthly

"I loved seeing people from different parts of Latin America, students and permanent community members sharing our language. It's a little space where we come together and speak in Spanish. We are who we are."

-Doris Nordin

mass in Spanish.

As a Catholic himself, he said he thinks that mass is an important responsibility for all Catholics.

He likes that the Newman Catholic Center provides him the opportunity to continue attending mass.

"Right now with this pandemic, we can't come to mass every Sunday. There's other people that want to go to mass on Sundays so we want to give that space to those people. Because we can listen to mass in Spanish, and there's fewer people, it's a good opportunity for us," Alva said.

Doris Nordin, a Charleston resident and campus minister, helped organize mass in Spanish as both part of the church and the committee for Latino Heritage Month.

Nordin loved seeing people from different communities coming together.

"I loved seeing people from different parts of Latin America, students, and permanent community members sharing our language. It's a little space where we come together and speak in Spanish. We are who we are," Nordin said.

Nordin does not just love the cultural aspect of mass in Spanish, but also the religious.

She said that mass in Spanish allows everyone in the Latinx community to come together and recognize the many values different cultures

share, including religious values.

"Our religion has a lot of impact in our history and development as countries so we have been very religious people since the very beginning," Nordin said. "We are very spiritual people and that's why we have to recognize that."

Dr. Carlos Amaya, a professor of world languages here in Charleston, is also part of the Latino Heritage Month committee.

Amaya likes how events like mass can bring people closer together.

He has been happy with how the events for Latino Heritage Month are turning out and hopes that they continue being well attended.

"We plan activities for the community, especially for the students, so that they can learn about our culture and share that with other people. The main objective is for people to understand what the Latino identity is. We do things that will attract their attention like this mass. We also have activities like 'Charlando con los Profesores' so that they meet professors who come from Latin America or with Latino background. They can see people like themselves that are successful in this country and they can aspire to be successful also," Amaya said.

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and we'll take it all down tonight," Malak said. "I think the public enjoyed it, the people who were here seemed to enjoy it."

"Our crew is happy with the set-up," Bonnekessen said. "I think they also would like a bigger audience, but what can you do?"

Mark Codo, a senior TV and video production major, watched the concert from the side of Booth Library and said he was impressed by the performance.

"I enjoyed the concert very much, despite being a little different compared to the other concerts because we've mostly been playing indoors rather than outdoors," Codo said.

Malak also said he enjoyed the evening as a spectator.

"It was a great concert, great music, the students did great," Malak said.

For those watching from home, Malak said their experience was as close to in-person attendance as the Doudna staff could've made it.

"It was as close to live as we can make it," Malak said.

Although COVID-19 regulations prevent Doudna from holding its usual events, Bonnekessen said that they are still planning events that fall within the guidelines set by the university.

"I think people need to get accustomed to that we are active, there are things happening in the Doudna, it's just that you can't come here in person to enjoy them," Bonnekessen said.

For those interested in this semester's events, Doudna's YouTube channel will be streaming them, as it did for the Boyd Bash.

"The Doudna is livestreaming everything this year for free," Malak said.

The success of the Boyd Band Bash Scholarship Concert livestream showed promise for the future of the building's events, said Bonnekessen.

"Even when things go back to normal, I think we might keep having some of these things for people who can't attend concerts," Bonnekessen said.

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We cannot let up now.”

U.S Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) said he hopes that Ginsburg’s dying wish is honored.

“Please remember Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s demand that Supreme Court vacancies go unfilled during a presidential election year, which was also Justice Ginsburg’s dying wish,” Durbin said. “Senator McConnell pleaded with us to let the voters have the last word. Every member of the Senate should be asked to commit to the McConnell Rule.”

Ginsburg is known as a feminist icon and leader in many civil rights issues in the country.

To Karen Swenson, a constitutional law and judicial politics professor and lawyer, she was an inspiration for women fighting against gender discrimination.

“Women have come a long way due to the struggles of pathbreakers like RBG. I bear this in mind as I pursued a legal education and a career in the law. She was a fighter for women’s rights as a lawyer and this helped her gain notice to be appointed to the federal bench and then promoted to a seat on the high court. She used innovative approaches to achieve legal change for the status of women. She did this as a lawyer and a justice. She was a liberal torchbearer in other areas of the law as well, especially civil rights,” Swenson said. “Her bold style has earned her the adoration of even young people like my students.”

Ryan Burge, an associate professor of political science and graduate coordinator, said Ginsburg was an icon in the United States and fought discrimination to earn her accomplishments throughout her career.

“She was sort of an icon of the liber-

“She managed to make it through Harvard law school while her husband was battling testicular cancer, she was helping him with his own law studies, she had children and then she even transferred to Columbia to finish up there. She was first in her class at Harvard and at Columbia, and you still have her children who talked about what a good mom she was.”

-Erin Rowland, political science professor

al left of America for a lot of young progressive people, especially to young female liberals she was really a hero because she was the second female Supreme Court justice we’ve had and she came up and she was Jewish, a woman and she had kids,” Burge said. “She had three strikes against her whenever she got into the legal profession, so she was aberration in a lot of ways for her time and she was a trailblazer.

Burge added that she often centered the Supreme Court.

“I know that a lot of women looked up to her and sort of saw her as one of the ways the Supreme Court is more moderate, she pulled it back to the center when there were a lot of center-right justices so I think that’s sort of how most people would look at her,” Burge said.

Erin Rowland, a political science professor, said as someone who has worked with individuals with disabilities, she thinks it is important to focus on Gins-

burg’s impact in that community as well.

“I’ve worked a lot with people who had physical or mental disabilities and I think that sometimes we forget those individuals along the way with our fights for equal rights and I think that Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s legacy is also very important to them,” Rowland said. “She really paved the way for them to not be discriminated against either.”

Rowland said she did not hear much about Ginsburg growing up, though she felt she should.

“I come from an area and a family that was very right wing, so there wasn’t a whole lot of talk about liberal appointees to the court, it was always ‘Who are the conservative appointees,’” Rowland said. “I think that that was a real tragedy, because she did so much for women’s rights over the years.”

As a new mother, Rowland said Ginsburg’s early career struggles are inspiring to women in the workplace.



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A portrait of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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dren who talked about what a good mom she was,” Rowland. “Even with all those accomplishments, she went out on the job market and wasn’t getting hired.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

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May her memory be a blessing

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s death will have a lasting impact on our nation.

Right now the country sits wondering what will happen next; when will the seat be filled, who will fill her seat, what does this mean for the countless cases she helped make rulings on that have changed the lives of many Americans?

With the world moving so rapidly and the new normal changing by the minute, it’s valid to wonder what is going to come of this major change to the highest court in our country, but for now, even if just for a second, let us focus on the work Ginsburg has done in her life in her pursuit of equality for all.

Ginsburg had an impact on many cases that shaped how discrimination of women, minorities and individuals with disabilities.

Some of the most notable cases she was popular side of the argument with include the United States v. Virginia which required the Virginia Military Institute to accept women into previously all-male school, Olmstead v. L.C. that required states to place individuals with intellectual disabilities in community living settings if it is the beliefs of the state’s treatment professional that that

is the best option for the individual(s) and Obergefell v. Hodges which granted same-sex couples the right to marry in all 50 states.

One of her most popular dissents being from Ledbetter v. Goodyear, a case in which a woman accused Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Of unequal pay between her and her male counterparts.

In her dissent, Ginsburg said, “in our view, the court does not comprehend, or is indifferent to, the insidious way in which women can be victims of pay discrimination. The ball is in Congress’ court ... to correct this Court’s parsimonious reading of Title VII.”

Later, Congress passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act that declared each discriminatory paycheck reset the 180-day limit to file a claim of wage discrimination.

Outside of her career, Ginsburg is an inspiration to women in the work force, mothers in the workforce and activists fighting for equal treatment.

Ginsburg consistently fought for equality among all, regardless of sex, age, race, abilities, etc. and has and will continue to encourage generations of people to fight for what they believe in.

May her memory be a blessing.

COLUMN

Ginsburg’s death creates uncertainty going forward

The death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, United States Supreme Court Justice, has brought both grief and uncertainty across America. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was not only an amazing woman in politics but an important cultural icon. On her deathbed Ginsburg made her dying wish known to her granddaughter when she said, “my most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.”

According to a poll by the Business Insider, “58% of American voters think the Senate should not fill Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Supreme Court vacancy until after the election,” but Ginsburg’s death presents an opportunity for the Republican party to secure a conservative majority on the high court for feasibly decades to come.

According to U.S. News & World Report, Sen. Mitch McConnell “has already pledged that lawmakers will consider a new Supreme Court nomination from Trump, despite having blocked a nomination from then-Presi-



Lindsey Ulrey

dent Barack Obama to replace Justice Antonin Scalia more than 200 days before the 2016 election.”

Trump has also tweeted that he will work to fill Ginsburg’s seat “without delay.” On Friday Joe Biden tweeted, “Let me be clear: The voters should pick a President, and that President should select a successor to Justice Ginsburg.” Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska stated she “would not vote to confirm” a replacement for Ginsburg because she said her replacement is something “that the people needed to decide.”

After Ginsburg’s death Trump made a statement that I surpris-

ingly found heartfelt and thoughtful. The part of the statement that most resonated with me was when he said, “Renowned for her brilliant mind and powerful dissents at the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg demonstrated that one can disagree without being disagreeable towards one’s colleagues or different points of views. Her opinions, including well known decisions regarding the legal equality of women and the disabled, have inspired all Americans, and generations of great legal minds.”

I know that Ginsburg’s death has caused a lot of political uncertainty in an already uncertain time, but we need to make sure we remember who Ruth Bader Ginsburg was and honor her memory as a strong woman who spent her life fighting for justice and fairness for all.

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Cushing provides update on football practices

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It has been a busy few days for college football, between another slate of games on Saturday and the news that the Big Ten would begin an eight-game season on Oct. 24.

There was also news for the teams that are not playing games this fall, as they are allowed to move ahead this fall as if it were a normal spring semester.

"Exactly the model that was put in place was to literally just lift and place the spring ball model over to the fall," Eastern head coach Adam Cushing said. "It's every single rule that applies to the spring, when it comes to the number of helmet practices, the number of full contact days and opportunities, number of days that can actually be scrimmage based, all that."

Starting Monday, the Panthers can start to ramp up practices in that spring ball model, so Cushing said that last week's practices were more restrained on the field with more of a focus on training.

"We want to get a great squat in the weight room," he said. "That was the whole priority that we've been talking about all along. What does this make possible? It's having a great strength cycle."

Cushing also said that part of the spring ball model is allowing the team practice more, but also giving them more time to complete strength cycles.

"Going back to our main priorities, and number one being getting bigger and stronger, it's allowing us to accomplish a major goal while still practicing football," he said.

Once the team begins practicing in full pads, Cushing said that player health will be a priority since it has been a long time since many of the players have participated in full-contact football activities.

"We've got to do the right things from a health and safety standpoint. Obviously we've been talking about health and safety from a COVID perspective for so long, but there's an enormous health and safety perspective for football coaches all the time, but certainly in a time when you haven't had contact," Cushing said.

"You can't just say, 'okay, here we go. Let's have two hours of a contact practice.' So we're going to use the first couple of weeks to go shorter practices, especially in the contact portion."

Cushing said that the shorter practices will also allow for more work to be accomplished in the weight room for the players.

"It's giving us an opportunity to be able to do both. Having the shorter practice also allows us to go get a great lift," he said. "So when we go a shorter practice in duration, the player load is lower, it allows them to have enough energy to get a great lift."

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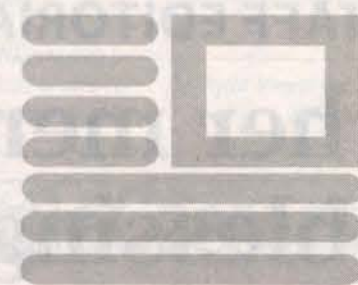
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